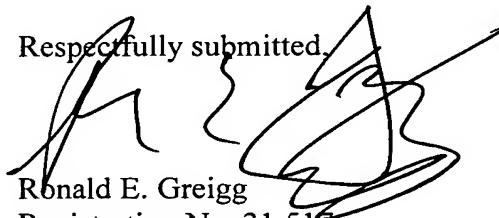


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**REMARKS**

The examiner's action dated December 13, 2005 was based upon an examination of a Preliminary Amendment filed with the application. On December 5, 2005, applicant's attorney filed a Supplemental (Second) Preliminary Amendment to revise the claims in view of an EP reference belatedly found. Since this amendment and these claims were of record prior to the date of the examiner's office action, applicant believes that it deserves to have a new office action based upon those latest claims.

Please issue a new office action on the currently pending claims.

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